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Name of Organization: Nevada Commission on Aging
Subcommittee Concerning Legislative Issues

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Date and Time of Meeting: January 7, 2014
10:00 a.m.

Place of Meeting: Aging & Disability Services Division
445 Apple Street, Suite 104
Reno NV 89503

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I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Members Present: Jeffrey Klein, Lawrence Weiss, Lucy Peres, Diane Ross, Grady Tarbutton, Lisa Krasner

Non-Voting Member: Senator Mark Manendo

Staff Present: Jane Gruner, Sally Ramm, Tina Padovano

Consultant Absent: Barry Gold

Public Present: Connie McMullen

A quorum was declared.

II. Public Comment (No action may be taken upon a matter raised under public comment period unless the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an action item.)

There was no public comment.

III. Approval of Minutes of December 3, 2013 Meeting. (for possible action) Jeff Klein, Chair

Lucy Peres made a motion to approve the December 3, 2013 meeting minutes. Grady Tarbutton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

IV. Update on the Content and Progress of the Aging and Disability Services (ADSD) Integration Strategic Plan.

Jane Gruner, Administrator, ADSD

Jane Gruner announced that the Strategic Plan is currently in the process of being finalized. Ms. Gruner plans to send a copy of the Draft Strategic Plan to the Commission on Aging members for review before finalization.

V. Discuss New Regulations for Home and Community Based Waivers that are Causing Concern Among Providers.

Jane Gruner and Barry Gold

Jane Gruner stated that the State Director's Group is starting to focus on how the new regulations for home and community based waivers are going to work. This could have a big impact on how the system is currently set-up in every state.

Sally Ramm received an e-mail from Barry Gold on this item. Mr. Gold is working on getting more information on this item and will report to the subcommittee.

Jane Gruner stated that the National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD) is focusing on how the new regulations for home and community based waivers are going to work. This could have a big impact on how the system is currently set up in every state

Grady Tarbutton stated this new regulation would be problematic for Nevada because we really need to consolidate programs.

Jane Gruner will put this item on the agenda for the next Commission on Aging meeting.

Jane Gruner brought attention to an issue with the Department of Labor's ruling on companion care. This issue is being driven by the unions.

Attention was brought to the issue that Nevada's wage laws vary from other states. In Nevada overtime is paid over eight hours when wages are paid under a certain amount.

Nevada cannot afford for providers to go out of business due to these issues. Nevada does not have enough providers.

Jane Gruner brought attention to the Affordable Care Act. We have to increase what we pay providers. Medicaid is spending a lot of money for the implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

Lucy Peres asked how the wage and hour issue is affected when someone is working a ten or twelve hour shift and receives a monthly check without all of the hours being incorporated in the check.

Jeffrey Klein stated currently someone who is working a ten or twelve hour shift does not need to be paid overtime, but they must sign a waiver. There is a program for this.

Jane Gruner announced the Nevada Association of Counties will be hosting a teleconference on senior issues. This conference call will help the counties' awareness of current and future aging issues.

Grady Tarbutton asked if the agenda includes the certified public expenditure discussion. This could be a resource for the counties.

Jane Gruner stated that currently the certified public expenditure discussion is not on the agenda and asked if Mr. Tarbutton believes it should be. Ms. Gruner will call Mr. Tarbutton to discuss this matter further.

Jane Gruner departed the meeting.

VI. Discuss and make recommendations on the drafted Information List for Legislators dated December 6, 2013.
(for possible action)

Jeff Klein and Grady Tarbutton

Mr. Klein thanked Sally Ramm for distributing the draft Information List for Legislators to the Subcommittee.

Mr. Klein suggested setting timelines on framing the issues.

Grady Tarbutton stated that one of the goals is to have a single page information coversheet for the legislators, and also have white papers on some of the top issues.

Mr. Klein answered a question asked by Diane Ross regarding the goals of the Information List for Legislators. Mr. Klein stated that due to multiple new legislators, this will be an opportunity to educate them on issues in Nevada. We would also like to hold meetings at locations around the state where we can invite legislators to meet with members of the committee and also others in the senior community. We would also like to hold public forums and town hall meetings.

Grady Tarbutton stated that we want to take steps with the fact sheets, establish a timetable, and prepare guidelines as to how people set-up meet and greets with legislators.

Diane mentioned that the Human Service Network had their annual meeting to honor people in the community and they brought in people to train on how to contact and work with legislators.

Grady Tarbutton is willing to share training manuals that were used at past trainings.

Jeffrey Klein mentioned that Jeff Doucet prepared a county by county demographic assessment that may be of help. Mr. Klein suggested asking Mr. Doucet for a copy of his assessment.

Sally Ramm suggested that Mr. Doucet's assessment will be needed for the NRS 439 Subcommittee as well.

Mr. Tarbutton will provide a copy of the packet and the four hour training slide show to Sally Ramm for distribution to the Subcommittee.

Jeffrey Klein stated that we would like to create a frame of reference for legislators who are not familiar with senior issues.

VII. Discussion and possible action on the report from the Committee to Determine a Timetable to Accomplish the Goals of the Subcommittee, Including but Not Limited To the White Paper of Issues including Demographics, Planning for Meetings with Legislators in Various Provider Facilities and Offices around the State, Forums and Town Hall Meetings, Reaching out to Legislators no Longer in Office to Facilitate Education of New Legislators on Senior Issues. **(for possible action)**

Jeff Klein, Chair

Sally Ramm announced that the legislative session starts one year from next month (February). Legislative interim committees begin meeting next month through June or July.

BDR's are currently being drafted.

Jeffrey Klein stated that around May 1, 2014 would be a good time to begin working with the legislators.

Jeffrey Klein stated that we will need to have the written portion and some white papers by March 2014. We need to finalize the material, make a list of agencies and locations and match this information with legislators.

Grady Tarbutton suggested holding an event at a Senior Coalition meeting.

Diane Ross is a member of the Senior Coalition in Washoe County and would be happy to do an event.

Jeffrey Klein would like to circulate a map of legislators to the subcommittee before the next meeting. Mr. Klein would like the subcommittee to review the list and choose legislators that would be a good match.

The candidates will be filing for office in March.

Mr. Klein wanted to be sure local officials will also be invited and involved in the events and meetings.

Lucy Peres stated that the Forum has a book that lists all of the legislators and their contact information.

Sally Ramm asked the subcommittee if there were any items on the list that possibly should be removed.

Larry Weiss mentioned that mental health should possibly be included. Mental health is one of the Governor's priorities. Educational issues should also possibly be included. Professionals and paraprofessionals should be better trained in geriatrics. Our goal is to educate legislators, but we also need to educate other partners and the commission.

Jeffrey Klein suggested asking subcommittee members to be present so we can respond to commission questions on issues.

Sally Ramm suggested having a day at the Legislature for the Commission on Aging. Ms. Ramm suggested adding this idea to the next agenda.

Grady Tarbutton recapped the following four items:

1. Education of partners, legislators, and county commissioners;
2. Developing issues and determining which are policies and which are NRS;
3. Outreach; and
4. Advocacy.

Lucy Peres stated Senator Woodhouse sponsored a senior day during the last legislative session.

VIII. Assignment of Duties to Subcommittee Members to accomplish the requirements of the timetable.

(for possible action)

Jeff Klein, Chair

Item VIII was incorporated in Item VII.

IX. Discuss and Make Recommendations for the Subcommittee's Involvement in the Conference on Aging planned for 2015 by the Nevada Delegation to the National Silver Haired Congress. **(for possible action)**

Lucy Peres

Lucy Peres reported the receipt of a letter from Senator Reid. Mr. Reid was very supportive, but he did state that when the Older Americans Act was renewed, which sponsored the White House Conference on Aging, they did not include this, so this may be a moot point. We may not be able to do anything about this.

Sally Ramm stated the Older American Act has not been re-authorized. There are proposals, but nothing has been voted on. This is still a work in progress.

Lucy Peres will re-read Mr. Reid's letter.

Jeffrey Klein suggested tracking this item to see if there is any progress or change.

Lucy Peres stated that the White House Conference on Aging is scheduled for the year 2015. Ms. Peres will keep the subcommittee informed on what progresses or changes with this item.

X. Consider and Make Recommendations for Topics and/or Agenda Items and Date for Next Meeting

(for possible action)

Jeff Klein, Chair

The next meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2014 at 10:00 A.M.

- Update on the Content and Progress of the Aging and Disability Services (ADSD) Integration Strategic Plan.

Jane Gruner, Administrator, ADSD

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- Discuss and make recommendations on the drafted Information List for Legislators dated December 6, 2013.

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Jeff Klein and Grady Tarbutton

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Jeff Klein, Chair

- Commission on Aging's Day at the Legislature. Discuss with Senator Manendo.
- ADSD Conference and Federal legislation.
- Grady Tarbutton – Update on RTC Transit Connection Workshop. No Action Necessary.

XI. Public Comment (No action may be taken upon a matter raised under public comment period unless the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an action item)

There was no public comment.

I. Adjournment

Jeffrey Klein made a motion to adjourn. Diane Ross seconded the motion. No opposed. Motion carried.

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 2. Aging and Disability Services Division ,Las Vegas Office, 1860 East Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89104
 3. Aging and Disability Services Division ,Reno Office, 445 Apple Street, Suite 104, Reno, NV 89502
 4. Aging and Disability Services Division , Elko Office, 1010 Ruby Vista Drive, Suite 104 Elko, NV 89801
 5. State Legislative Building, 401 S. Carson Street, Suite 3138, Carson City, NV 89701
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